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## OUTLOOK FOR HIGH SCHOOL

### BOARD OF TRADE MEETS.

Discusses High School Situation as Presented by Committee Composed of School Trustees.

The High school situation was discussed, the annual Sierra Madre-Mt. Wilson race was adopted as an annual event of the Board of Trade, and six new members were received at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade Monday evening. This, with the usual amount of routine business made up a good evening's work.

The new members, secured chiefly as a result of the annual banquet, are Messrs. F. B. Ross, S. F. Borden, R. D. Laws, Howard Hill, W. C. Davis, W. W. Felgate.

The proposition to hold the Sierra Madre-Mt. Wilson race under the auspices of the Board of Trade, as already outlined in the News, was received with favor, particularly the offer of Mr. C. J. Fox to turn over to the Board the valuable Richard K. Fox trophy. Secretary Patterson reported \$32 already subscribed to defray expenses and said at least \$50 should be secured. The Board voted to take up the race and appointed a committee of three to handle it, the members being J. A. Patterson, George B. Morgridge and A. L. Robinson.

The project of the Woman's Club to hold a flower show in the fall was presented for the approval of the Board. This was given with enthusiastic good will.

J. C. Dickson reported for the committee on high school, and his report was received with great enthusiasm. In the course of their investigations during the past month the school trustees found the situation unexpectedly encouraging, especially from the expense standpoint. The committee was continued in office and instructed to proceed with the good work as soon as the official figures from the new school census shall become available. The report is printed in full, as giving the best summing up of the painstaking investigations of the committee, and is as follows:

To the Sierra Madre Board of Trade, Gentlemen:—

Your committee on the formation of a High School District respectfully submit the following:

The number of graduates from the 8th grade Sierra Madre City School in 1908 was sixteen; in 1909 thirteen, eight of whom are now attending the Pasadena High School and two, removed, are attending elsewhere. In 1910 there will likely be sixteen graduates, fifteen of whom will likely attend High School. At the present time there are about twenty-five children from Sierra Madre attending school at Pasadena, seventeen of whom are attending Pasadena High School. In addition to these there are four attending private schools in Los Angeles, and four others of high school age not attending anywhere. Three of the latter would have entered the Sierra Madre High School had there been one.

The County valuation of this district for 1909 was \$981,662.00. For 1910 it will be over \$1,000,000.00.

The apportionment of State and County funds for this district for 1908-1909 was \$4,377.29. This fund is derived not from direct taxation but from sale of State School lands. Number of census children, average attendance, etc.

The direct tax is 25 cents; 19 cents

## SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

Season 1909-1910

1909		
October	.....	.82
November	.....	2.72
December	.....	11.24
1910		
January	.....	4.79
February	.....	.24
March 14	.....	.22
17	.....	.21
22	.....	1.11
Total to date	.....	21.35
Rainfall for corresponding period in 1909, 36.22 inches. JOHN G. BLUMER.		

for bonded indebtedness, the amount of which is reduced each year; and 6 cents for the State High School fund, which is assessed on all real estate not included in a High School District.

When the Sierra Madre High School District is formed it will be necessary to confine it to the territory at present included in the Sierra Madre City School District.

In order to form a High School District it is absolutely necessary to have not less than 200 census children, by the last preceding school census, in the territory to be included. Then a petition signed by a majority of the heads of families who have children under 17 years of age must be presented to the County Supervisors asking that an election be held to decide the question. Should the electors decide to establish a High School, the cost for the first year, which probably would include only the 9th grade, would be about \$2,000.00. As we are now paying a rate of 6 cents from which we derive no direct benefit, the increase would be about 14 cents on \$1,000,000.00 valuation.

The second year we would receive \$500.00 from the state for being a High School District, and \$9.00 per child on average attendance for the preceding year.

Very Respectfully,  
J. C. DICKSON,  
J. W. KEYS.

### THAT HIGHLAND PAVING

There is a prospect that the Highland Avenue paving will be examined by experts if the property owners on that street wish to find out if the acceptance of the work by the street superintendent was justified. The city trustees say they have no desire to force anything upon the property owners. They have suggested that an expert be named by the trustees, another by the property owners and a third by these two, if the verdict is favorable on the work the cost of the inspection to be paid by the property owners, and if it is unfavorable to be paid by the trustees. In the latter case an appeal from the decision of the street superintendent would be sustained by the trustees and the contractor's warrant held up till the street was put in proper condition.

### MERGER IN THE AIR.

Negotiations for a merger of the Sierra Madre, Alhambra, Arcadia and El Monte telephone exchanges which have been under way for some time have been reported to be about completed within the week. This is denied, however, by Mr. Farman, president of the local company. While admitting that the deal was under consideration, he declares that conditions will not permit of its consummation within two months at the earliest date.

## FUNDS FOR RACE WANTED

As reported in another column of the News, the Board of Trade has decided to father the annual Sierra Madre-Mt. Wilson race and a committee has been appointed to look after the details. The first necessary detail and one of the most important is to provide sufficient funds to guarantee the expenses. About \$50 will be needed, most of which has been subscribed. With \$15 more in sight the committee will feel justified in going ahead with the arrangements. Most of the subscriptions are in amounts of \$2.50 so the burden will not fall heavily upon any one. If your name is not on the list, phone J. A. Patterson and mail him a check for the amount. For the time is short and unless the necessary money is raised within a few days it will be necessary to call off the event.

No date has been set for the race but it will doubtless be held during the last week of April. This will give the runners a month for preparation and the committee time to look after the preliminary details. The sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union will be secured as heretofore.

The plan to hold the race under the auspices of the Sierra Madre Board of Trade meets with the approval of Manager Ross of Mt. Wilson Hotel. He has agreed to provide blankets and quarters for the runners as they arrive at the top so they can receive proper treatment to avoid ill-effects after their long sprint.

## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

The service list for Easter Sunday at the Church of the Ascension, at 11 a. m., contains the following music:

Processional Hymn, No. 110.  
Christ Our Passover ..... Mornington.  
TeDeum ..... Williams.  
Jubilate ..... West.  
Hymn No. 118.  
Gloria Tibi ..... Gounod.  
Hallelujah, Christ Is Risen ..... Winchester.  
Hymn No. 121.  
Sursam Corda ..... Gower.  
Sanctus ..... Gower.  
Hymn No. 228.  
Gloriam in Excelsis ..... Plain Song.  
Nunc Dimittis ..... Harris.

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector. Easter Sunday. Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; Easter festival of the Sunday School, 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The most joyous of all the Christian festivals will be celebrated at the Congregational Church with several special services. There will be an appropriate variation from the usual program of the Sunday School. At the regular morning service at 11 o'clock the pastor, Dr. Campbell, will preach on the subject, "The Resurrection as Confirming the Truth of Christianity." The choir will sing "He Lives Again," by Rowe. At the close of the service the ordinance of baptism will be administered.

At 5 o'clock there will be a vesper service with special music. Mrs. Roland Adams will sing "Resurrection" by Harry Rowe Shelley. The choir will sing "He Is Risen." Decorations of the church for the day will be in the hands of the young people of the Christian Endeavor and will doubtless be tasteful and befitting the occasion.

## CARNEGIE ON MT. WILSON

### VISITS OBSERVATORY THIS WEEK

Weather Conditions Prevent His Seeing the Big Instruments at Work; Much Pleased in Spite of Rain

"I'll take your word for it and look as wise as I can," was the laughing comment of Andrew Carnegie last Monday as he was shown some of the wonderful instruments of the astronomical observatory on Mt. Wilson which bears his name. Prof. George E. Hale, director of the observatory, had just been explaining the workings of the tower telescope. But the method of photographing the sun or a sun spot in the light of one color of the spectrum did not interest him so much as the fact that a polished steel plate ruled with 15,000 lines to the inch, which reflects the sunlight, was made by an acquaintance of his in Pittsburg.

The Carnegie party, accompanied by the usual retinue of reporters, was escorted through the observatory by Prof. Hale, Prof. Adams and Dr. St. John of the observatory staff. It was a source of disappointment to them that foggy weather prevented them showing the instruments at work.

The observatory is one of the three principal benefactors of the income from the \$10,000,000 Carnegie fund for the advancement of science. And while it has an assured income from this source it is probable that Prof. Hale has hopes of securing some additional funds for special purposes as a result of Mr. Carnegie's visit. But the story in one of the dailies to the effect that there is already a half million in sight is probably pure imagination. For he does not announce his gifts that way and Prof. Hale is not the man to give out a hint of anything of the kind until he sees the color of the money—or the bonds.

The 60-inch reflector and its massive mountings was an object of special interest to the party. It gave them an idea of what may be seen when the 100-inch glass recently cast has been completed and mounted in position. The donor of this newest glass, Col. John D. Hooker, was one of the party which visited the observatory.

In the party which ascended by the wagon road from Pasadena on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie, Miss Margaret Carnegie, Miss Margaret Halle and Prof. George E. Hale, Col. John D. Hooker and Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, besides the Carnegie household retinue. They made the ascent in carriages, reaching the hotel about four o'clock.

After a short rest which gave them time to get located in their cottages, the party made a tour of the observatory buildings. The extremely heavy fog and dashes of rain dampened the ardor of Mr. Carnegie perhaps less than that of any other in the party. In reply to expressions of regret from the others that the weather should be unfavorable he laughed and said:

"Well, ever since I came to California I have heard the people praying for rain. And now that it is raining you are complaining!"

Mrs. Carnegie was also inclined to take a humorous view of the situation. Standing under one of the big pine trees from which the condensing fog was dripping copiously, she remarked:

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### CARNEGIE ON MT. WILSON

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"I never saw weather quite like this—  
it is raining harder here under the tree  
than it is out in the open."

Returning to the hotel, Mr. Carnegie  
seemed well satisfied to stand with his  
back to the big fireplace in the parlor  
and talk at random with the members  
of his party and other guests of the  
hotel. On account of the Easter vaca-  
tion there was a large crowd there,  
mostly teachers and college students.  
None was more democratic than Mr.  
Carnegie and he seemed never so happy  
as when surrounded by a dozen people  
who would listen as he good-naturedly  
discussed everything from the income  
tax which he opposed and the inheritance  
tax which he favored, to how much a  
yucca stalk will grow in twenty-four  
hours.

Simplified spelling is one of his hob-  
bies.

"I have my opinion of any man who  
would spell 'tho' with an unnecessary  
'ugh,'" he said.

"But what are you going to do with  
the classics?" urged one of the school  
teachers.

"My dear young lady, just read Chau-  
cer and then read Shakespeare and see  
what Shakespeare did to Chaucer's spell-  
ing," was his reply. "Shakespeare was  
the greatest spelling reformer the world  
has ever known."

Little Edith Gray, daughter of E. B.  
Gray, the Mt. Wilson photographer,  
brought an autograph album for him to

### COMEDY PROGRESSING FINELY

"His Royal Highness" Will Furnish Fun  
and Frolic Galore.

"His Royal Highness" is the announced  
title of the new musical comedy to be  
produced for the Sierra Madre Woman's  
Club under the management of the auth-  
or, Mr. Charles Saxby. Besides being  
the most elaborate production ever at-  
tempted in Sierra Madre, "His Royal  
Highness" contains, in addition to the  
stock attractions of light musical works,  
some features that will be entire novel-  
ties. It has far more plot than is usual  
in musical comedy. The action revolves  
around a young scion of European roy-  
alty who drops into Sierra Madre, under  
rather peculiar circumstances, and pro-  
ceeds to stir things up until he is cap-  
tured by the charms of one of the ladies.

The piece abounds in sly local satire,  
and is played by the company in a spirit  
of rollicking abandonment rarely found  
in amateur productions. Among the  
twelve musical numbers are several of  
the song hits from the comic opera  
"When the Gringo Came," written es-  
pecially for that production and con-  
trolled by the author and composer,  
Messrs. Saxby and Kaufman. In these  
the clever dancing work of the chorus is  
made a special feature.

The new scenery, painted for this pro-  
duction, is completed and will next week  
be fitted to the new stage devices. It  
depicts a genuine California garden and  
is a riot of sunshine and glowing color.  
It is from the studio of Charles Thomp-  
son, scenic artist to the Mason Opera  
House.

Among the company will be Mr. T. J.  
Flynn, for two years a star in the fam-  
ous "Mask and Wig" performances at  
the University of Pennsylvania and a  
favorite in Los Angeles, where he has  
appeared successfully at the Mason and  
Auditorium theaters. As the aviator,  
Curtiss Wright, he will have an oppor-  
tunity of displaying both his musical  
and dramatic abilities. Miss Marjorie  
Rice's sweet voice will be heard to ad-  
vantage in an ingenue role. Mrs. E. W.  
Camp will be featured in a part es-  
pecially written to display her dramatic  
grace and charm, and Miss Edith Blu-  
mer has the leading comedy part, her  
Irish number, backed by the full chorus  
in special costumes, can be reckoned as  
one of the hits of the piece.

The performance will be given the  
evenings of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of  
April. Full announcements will be made  
later. Adv.

### TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY.

Pomona Progress.—An important civil  
case, McCauley vs. McGowan was tried  
in Justice E. Barnes court on Thursday  
morning, the outcome of which will be  
of interest. It appears that one Fred  
Gregory sold a Twentieth Century light-  
ing plant to Frank McGowan, repre-  
senting to Mr. McGowan that he could  
operate it as cheaply as he could use  
electric lights or gas at the rate charged  
therefor in Pomona, but in fact it cost  
McGowan three times as much. There-  
fore the said Frank McGowan refused  
to keep and pay for the plant, where-  
upon the McCauley company brought  
suit to secure payment. Justice Barnes  
now has the matter under advisement.  
The plaintiff was represented by Attor-  
neys Adams, Adams & Binford, of Los  
Angeles; and the defendant has as his  
attorneys C. W. Guerin and J. W. Joos.

write in. He did it with as much pleas-  
ure as his action seemed to give the little  
girl.

As he was about to take his carriage  
for the return trip an attractive young  
lady asked him if he would stop a mo-  
ment while she took his picture.

"May I watch you while you are doing  
it?" was the instant response.

The cottage system of housing the  
guests at Mt. Wilson hotel interested  
him very much and he seemed greatly de-  
lighted with the surroundings up there.

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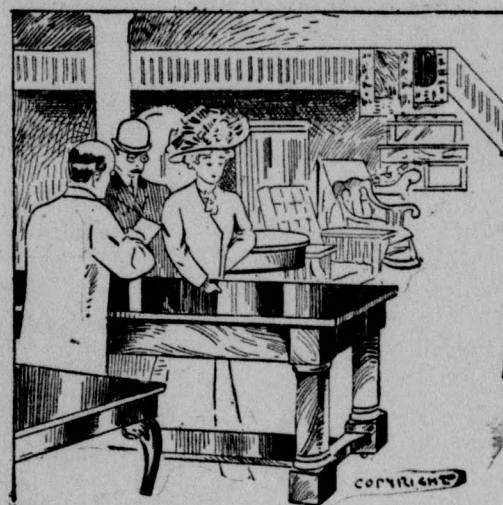
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**Brief Items of Interest**

Miss Mildred Harrison is the week end guest of Miss Edna Staples this week.

C. H. Bowen who has spent several weeks in Sierra Madre leaves this week for Los Angeles.

Miss Pearl Needham of Los Angeles is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Tarr this week.

W. Sheppard and wife of Fremont, Michigan, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Slayton this week.

Twycross has rented the Evans house on Highland Avenue to G. F. Proudfoot and family, formerly of Nebraska.

Miss Seales of Los Angeles was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Warren and family of Pasadena were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caley on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Henszey and Mr. Phil Carter were dinner guests of Mrs. White at the Shirley on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Gelb leaves this week for a visit of a few weeks in Honolulu, after which she will return to her home in New York.

A. S. Mead has rented the Kuhn cottage on North Lima street to George E. Morris, justice of the supreme court of the state of Washington.

Among the lucky ones to draw Yuma farms on Wednesday was M. W. Aubury of Sierra Madre whose selection was the farm designated as "F9."

An Easter egg hunt will take place today at the kindergarten of Mrs. Mary Davis Goodfellow. The youngsters have been looking forward to it with rare pleasure.

Miss Dorothy Humphries was the guest of friends at Pomona college last Saturday on the occasion of the annual field and track meet of the conference colleges.

Grandfather W. H. Scott is chuckling and grinning again. He says it is another grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Scott at Long Beach on March 18, a day too late to be Irish.

Dr. W. R. Pike entertained a few friends at dinner on Sunday. Dr. Huntington of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bushby of Christ Church, New Zealand, and Miss Dorothy Lower of Long Beach comprised the party.

Mrs. E. Leon enjoyed a visit on Sunday from Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guerrero of Mexico. The Guerrero and Leon families were intimate in Hermosillo, Sonora, of which state Mrs. Leon is a native, and were later neighbors in Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Guerrero is a sister-in-law of Ramon Corral, vice president of Mexico.

Contrary to the understanding held by some, the dancing party to be given by the Woman's Club on Monday evening, March 28, will be one of the regular series of club parties which had been temporarily discontinued. The only difference from the usual order will be that half the evening will be given up to a German as already announced.

Dr. J. M. Campbell of this city is among the speakers at the four-day Bible study conference held this week at the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. building. The purpose of the conference is to promote Bible study among men and boys and it is under the direction of Fred S. Goodman, of New York, one of the international secretaries of the association. Dr. Campbell speaks today on "Cooperation in Bible Study Campaigns."

Miss Dorothy Brown of Sierra Madre Villa entertained on Thursday afternoon with a picnic given at her home. A delicious basket lunch and vacation frolic made the day pass all too quickly. The guests were Misses Dorothy Humphries, Marjorie Rice, Messrs. Charles Camp, Everett Gardner, Raymond Andrews, Hix, Max and Wayne Thornburg.

Harry Andrews, of Portland, Oregon, has been the guest of his cousin, Raymond Andrews.

Miss Mabel Sisson of Pasadena spent her Easter vacation with Miss Irene Coapman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Torrance entertained twelve Pasadena friends at dinner on Monday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Gelb entertained a few Los Angeles friends with a dinner party at the Shirley on Sunday.

Miss Katherine Torrance entertained Miss Beatrice Burnham of Los Angeles over the week end at Park Manor.

Miss Evelyn Rice left yesterday for a short trip to Imperial Valley where she will be the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jennie Reeves of Long Beach is spending the week in Sierra Madre at her bungalow on Mountain Trail Avenue.

Cabot A. Yerxa, J. A. Patterson and C. S. Kersting were given the second degree in the Masonic order last Tuesday evening.

National Bank Examiner Kerr put in the day Monday going over the affairs of the local institution, which he pronounced in good shape.

Mrs. White and her grandson, Russell Tarbox, who have been spending the winter in Sierra Madre, left yesterday for their home in Chicago.

Mr. Eugene Davis has returned to his home in Chicago after a short visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. C. Davis. His family will remain for a longer stay.

Mrs. S. C. Davis entertained several Los Angeles friends last Sunday, the party including Meses. Dryden, Bulson, Bullock, Peckham and Buffum and the children of Mrs. Buffum.

Miss Clara Stark entertained a few friends with a charmingly appointed luncheon at Levy's last Tuesday. The guests were Mrs. F. H. Beuhring, Mrs. W. F. Parks and Miss Evelyn Rice.

Mrs. R. H. Mackerras and the baby left on Monday for her former home in Kingston, Ontario, wherefor the Doctor finds the house strangely quiet and lonesome. She will be accompanied as far as Chicago by Mrs. Cherry of Santa Ana.

The Audobon society held its first regular meeting and program last Monday at the home of Mrs. Dietz. Mrs. Myers, secretary of the state organization, gave a very interesting and encouraging talk on birds and the work of the societies in their preservation. Several new members were received. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Baker and will be an outdoor session.

The speaker at next Monday's meeting of the Woman's Club will be Rev. Margaret La Grange of Detroit, her subject being "Dreams, Imaginations and Ideals." She is one of the most brilliant speakers heard before the Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles this year and the local club is to be congratulated on securing her. The ladies hope to have a large audience to greet her, and gentlemen are especially invited to attend the session.

Miss Hazel Hill delightfully entertained a few young ladies on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Eddie Hunter who will leave soon for her home in Georgia. The afternoon was spent in compiling a scrap book depicting Miss Hunter's life, past present and future. The contests ranged through every degree from the sublime to the ridiculous. Dainty refreshments were served later. The guests were Meses. Laws, Roland Adams, A. S. Mead, and Lord; Misses Bell, Cora Bell, Staples, Hunter, Larkey, Needham, Caskey, Rice and Marjorie Rice.

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**BY THE WAY**

This time it is the copy reader of a Los Angeles daily who furnishes a smile with a headline reading: "Find Skeleton Digging For Gold."

The "goat" in the graft prosecution is usually some man who worked in the pay and under direction of some one else, inaccurately called a "higher up." He should be called a "lower down."

A Pasadena tailor shop has a sign in the window reading: "Lady Pressers Wanted." The Sierra Madre chap who told us about it said he would have applied for the job but it was Sunday when he saw the sign and the shop was closed.

Barney Oldfield has spurted into the two-mile-a-minute class. Some fine day his auto will jump the track and then Barney will be scattered all over some other old field, a fate almost as bad as to have such an alleged joke perpetrated in his name.

A young lady was trying to get a picture of Mr. Carnegie on Mt. Wilson the other day, using a small hand camera. To the remark of a bystander that the fog was not favorable to snap shots she replied: "Oh, I'm not taking snaps, I'm taking exposures." Wonder how she takes snaps!

There is a town in Los Angeles county having a beautiful public building, fronting on a large open plot of ground, in the center of which is a fountain with seventeen jets of water making rainbows in the sunshine all day long. But with all that water flowing constantly, there is not a blade of grass on the whole square! Vanity of vanities! What will the retribution be?

The office of the Lancaster Ledger was "shot up" recently by a couple of booze inflamed youths. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard, but it is not a circumstance to the path of an editor in the Antelope Valley! Fortunately, Editor Jones was in Los Angeles on the night of the assault. It seems the action of the boys was not premeditated, though there is a suspicion that it was suggested by older heads.

If a man were to pick up a handful of dust from the street and sprinkle it carefully over your clothes you would feel like handing him a Slam Langford in the side of the head. But if a smoker sits beside you in the car and decorates your suit with cigar ashes you sit calmly and admire the scenery out of the window. Why don't you punch his head

too? Afraid of getting your fist full of splinters? Or is it your own head that would make a good backlog in a fire-place?

Citrus fumigation is such a good thing that it is a shame there should be a suspicion of graft connected with it. But will the powers that be please give us a little information? Is the scale less likely to spread from a small grove than from a large one? Is the infection from an unfumigated small grove less dangerous than from a large one? If fruit growers are told by the county authorities to have their trees fumigated on pain of being prosecuted for neglect, should not some means of securing the service be provided? If a grower who prefers parasite work and sprays is compelled to fumigate instead, why is it not possible for a grower who really wishes to have his trees fumigated to get the work done? These questions are prompted by the experience of a couple of property owners having several centrally located lots, who have endeavored vainly for a year and a half to get their orange trees fumigated. They have failed in spite of repeated applications to the fumigators and reports to the horticultural inspectors.

**PIERCE IS THE MAN**

The suggestion offered in last week's News that Prof. E. T. Pierce be elected to the board of school trustees seems to have met with very general favor. Nothing but favorable expressions have been reported to this office. It is doubtful if any other man could have been

named who would furnish the necessary qualifications and at the same time be acceptable to so nearly all elements of our population.

To friends who have expressed their approval of the suggestion to Prof. Pierce he has said that he would accept the office if it were given him in such a manner as that outlined in the News. In other words, he would not do any campaigning for the position and would enter no contest for it.

The News did not intend in the first place and does not purpose to carry on a campaign for Prof. Pierce. It should not be necessary. He is not offered as the candidate of the News but of all the people. Since he has signified his willingness to serve as a school trustee there is just one thing for the voters to do. Let them go to the polls next Friday and make the vote unanimous for Prof. Pierce.

**THE DIFFERENCE.**

My neighbor eateth lobster;  
He eateth rarebit, too;  
He loveth brie and edam  
And hideth them from view.  
My neighbor wakes at midnight  
And shrieks with sudden pain.  
Quick comes the costly medic  
And treats him for ptomaine.

I eat my humble dinner,  
My chop and beans and pie.  
Perhaps with indigestion  
I suffer by and by.  
The good old family doctor  
My case in hand doth take,  
And as he spreads a plaster  
He calls it stomach-ache.  
—New York Telegram.

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—Detroit Free Press.

Wiggs—How do you know he's a foreigner? He has no accent. Wiggs—No, but he knows so many ways in which this country could be improved.—Philadelphia Record.

### ESTOPPEY BREAKS LOOSE AGAIN.

Eugene Estoppey of Pasadena, better known as the "irrepressible Swiss cheese," took to the trail again last Saturday to show that he was not as decrepit as some of his Pasadena friends have been picturing him. And four round trips between Sierra Madre and Mt. Wilson in 18 hours is not a bad showing. He also made a round trip on Monday and another on Tuesday, both of these being over the auto road from Pasadena.

Starting at 7:40 Saturday night Estoppey made his first trip in 3 hours, 50 minutes. His second trip took 5 hours on account of the darkness, and the third 4 hours, 15 minutes. The last trip was the fastest of all, the time being 2 hours, 55 minutes. The ascent on this trip took 2 hours, five minutes, and the descent 50 minutes.

On Monday Estoppey made the ascent with the Carnegie party. He returned about five o'clock for the purpose of carrying some copy and photograph plates to the Examiner office for one of the reporters. On Tuesday morning he appeared at Mt. Wilson hotel again with a big bundle of morning papers containing the pictures and story he had carried down the night before. Altogether he travelled something like 125 miles on foot. Nobody knows how far his jaw travelled in the same length of time.

### WATER CASE IS CONTINUED.

When the condemnation case of the City of Sierra Madre against H. A. Unruh for the Baldwin water rights in the Little Santa Anita came up before Judge Monroe last Monday the attorneys were directed to submit their respective contentions in the form of briefs. The case was continued till early in May to allow time for the preparation of the briefs. So there seems to be no prospect of an early determination of the result of the suit, even in the superior court. In case either side takes an appeal it will probably be strung out through a long period.

### CITY TRUSTEES MEET

An ordinance establishing a municipal public library was up for first reading at last night's meeting of the city trustees, also ordinances establishing grades on Hermosa and the west block of Grandin avenues. The ordinance awarding the gas franchise to the Piedmont Gas Co., was passed. Routine business occupied the rest of the evening.

### ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Sierra Madre Water Company—Location of Principal Place of Business: Town of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Bonds .....\$1000.00  
Interest on bonds ..... 810.00

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of the Sierra Madre Water company, held on the 7th day of March, 1910, an assessment of 25 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of said corporation, payable forthwith to C. H. Perry, the secretary and treasurer of said corporation, at his office, Room "J," Kersting Court, in said town of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 4th day of April, 1910, will be delinquent and will be advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 26th day of April, 1910, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

C. H. PERRY,

Secretary of Sierra Madre Water Company.

Location of office of the company: The office whereat the secretary and treasurer conduct the business of the corporation, Room "J," Kersting Court, in the town of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated March 7th, 1910.

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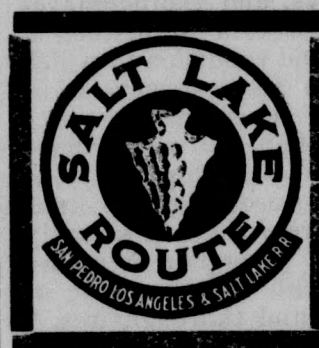
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**ORDINANCE NO. 115**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE GRANTING TO C. S. S. FORNEY, HIS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTY (50) YEARS, UNDERGROUND CONDUITS, MAINS AND GAS PIPES IN THE PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS AND THOROUGHFARES IN THE SAID CITY OF SIERRA MADRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AND CARRYING GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That whereas, said Board of Trustees has heretofore advertised for sale the hereinabove mentioned franchise for the time and in the manner provided by law; and whereas C. S. S. Forney, of the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and State of California, has heretofore bid the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for such franchise, and whereas, said bid was the highest and best bid for said franchise given and made:

Now, therefore, there is hereby granted to said C. S. S. Forney, his successors or assigns, the franchise to construct, operate and maintain for a period of fifty (50) years underground conduits, mains, and gaspipes in the public streets, alleys and thoroughfares in the said City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of conducting and carrying gas for light, heat and power; provided, however, that the said underground conduits, mains, and gaspipes shall at all times be constructed, erected, installed, operated and maintained, and the said right, privilege and franchise is hereby granted and shall be at all times exercised and enjoyed in accordance with, and subject to, each and every of the terms and conditions of this ordinance, and not otherwise.

Section 2. That the grantee of this franchise or his successors or assigns, shall in good faith lay out and expend for material and labor used and performed in the construction, institution, erection and installation of said underground conduits, mains and gaspipes in said City of Sierra Madre, for the purpose of carrying gas for light, heat and power the sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) within one year from and after the grant of this franchise.

And it shall be the duty of the grantee of this franchise, or his successors or assigns, to file with the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre within

ten days after the expiration of said period of one year after the grant of this franchise a statement verified by the oath of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager or presiding officer of the said grantee, or his successors or assigns, showing in detail the sums expended for such material and labor by said grantee, or his successors or assigns, during the preceding period of one year, and any failure or omission to pay out and expend for said labor and material the full sum herein above required to be paid out and expended within said period of one year, or any refusal or omission to file within the time herein prescribed the said verified statement, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of this franchise and of all rights thereunder, to the said City of Sierra Madre.

Sec. 3. That the said grantee, or his successors or assigns, shall so construct, lay, install and erect all underground conduits, mains, and gaspipes so that the same shall, in no case, be less than eighteen (18) inches below the surface of the said streets, alleys, and thoroughfares in the said City of Sierra Madre, the said distance of eighteen (18) inches to be below the surface of the said streets, alleys, and thoroughfares in accordance with the official grades established thereon.

Sec. 4. That it shall be lawful for the said grantee, his successors or assigns, to make all necessary and needful excavations and openings in any of the streets, alleys, or thoroughfares of the said city in which said grantee, or his successors or assigns, may desire to place such pipes or conduits, or connections thereof, for the purpose of carrying gas; provided, however, that said grantee or his successors or assigns shall submit plans and specifications for the construction of such conduits to the said Board of Trustees, which plans and specifications must be approved by the said Board of Trustees before work in connection therewith is commenced; and provided further that all work under this franchise that shall be done and performed upon the public streets, alleys and thoroughfares in excavating and repairing the same shall be in strict compliance with the rules or ordinances which have been, or may hereafter be adopted by the said Board of Trustees of the said city, and under the direction and supervision and to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent of the said city.

Sec. 5. That where work is done under this franchise said grantee, or his successors or assigns, shall, forthwith upon completion of said work, restore the public streets, alleys, and thoroughfares that have been excavated or disturbed, to the same order and condition in which they were prior to the commencement of such work, and in compliance with such rules or ordinances which have been or may be hereafter adopted by the Board of Trustees concerning the same, and the surface thereof shall be securely supported so as not to impair or hinder the use or enjoyment by the public of such streets, alleys and thoroughfares.

Sec. 6. That upon the grading or re-grading, or other improvement of any of said streets, alleys, or thoroughfares, said underground conduits, mains, and gaspipes shall be re-laid so as to be not less than eighteen (18) inches below the surface of the said streets, alleys, or thoroughfares, at the expense of said grantee or his successors or assigns. And in case said grantee or his successors or assigns, shall fail to re-lay said underground conduits, mains, and gaspipes as hereinbefore set forth, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the said Street Superintendent of the said city for a period of ten (10) days after the service thereof upon said grantee or his successors or assigns, or upon the manager or agent of said grantee or his successors or assigns, in the said City of Sierra Madre, of notice by the said Street Superintendent so to do, then he, the said Street Superintendent, shall have the right to enter upon such streets, alleys, and thoroughfares and do and perform the work of re-laying said conduits, mains, and gaspipes, upon being directed to do so by the said Board of Trustees; provided, that if such work is so done by the said Street Superintendent,

the said Street Superintendent shall keep an itemized account of the cost of said work, which the said grantee of this franchise, or his successors or assigns, by the acceptance of the right and privilege hereby granted, and in consideration thereof, agrees to pay immediately upon presentation to the said grantee or his successors or assigns, or to such managers or agents stationed in the said City of Sierra Madre, and a failure or refusal by said grantee of this franchise, or his successors or assigns, to pay for the cost of such work done and performed by the said Street Superintendent, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of this franchise and of all rights thereunder, to the said City of Sierra Madre.

Sec. 7. That said grantee or his successors or assigns shall construct all necessary flumes and culverts for the free passage of water under or over the pipes, mains, and conduits of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, and that all such flumes and culverts shall be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the said Board of Trustees and to the satisfaction of the said Street Superintendent.

Sec. 8. That the said city of Sierra Madre expressly reserves the right to grade or re-grade, pave or re-pave, macadamize or re-macadamize, sewer or re-sewer, plank or re-plank, gutter or re-gutter, curb or re-curb, repair, improve or oil any of the streets, alleys, or thoroughfares in the said City of Sierra Madre, or to lay gas, water, or other pipes thereon, such work to be done so as to injure said grantee's, or his successors' or assigns' conduits, mains, and gaspipes as little as possible.

Sec. 9. That said grantee or his successors or assigns shall pay to the City of Sierra Madre, during the life of this franchise, all licenses that are now or may be hereafter required by the said city for the carrying on of the business of supplying gas for heat, light, and power within said City of Sierra Madre.

Sec. 10. That said grantee or his successors or assigns, shall, during the life of this franchise pay to the City of Sierra Madre, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per cent of the gross annual receipts of such grantee or his successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation, and possession of said franchise. No percentage shall be paid for the first five (5) years succeeding the date of this franchise, but thereafter such percentage shall be paid annually; and in the event said payment is not made as aforesaid, this franchise shall be forfeited. It shall be the duty of said grantee of this franchise or his successors or assigns to file with the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre at the expiration of six (6) years from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, during the life of said franchise, a statement verified by the oath of said grantee or his

successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager or presiding officer of said grantee or his successors or assigns, showing the total gross receipts and gross earnings collected or received or in any manner gained or derived by the said grantee or his successors or assigns during the preceding twelve (12) months from all sales of gas to all consumers thereof within the said City of Sierra Madre; and within ten (10) days after the time for filing the verified statement it shall be the duty of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, to pay to the Treasurer of the said City of Sierra Madre the aggregate sum of the said percentage upon the amount of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of said franchise, determined and computed in the manner hereinbefore provided. And any neglect, omission or refusal by the said grantee, or his successors or assigns, to file said verified statement, or to pay the said percentage of the said gross annual receipts at the times or in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of the franchise hereby granted, and of all rights thereunder to the said City of Sierra Madre.

Sec. 11. That the work of constructing said gas plant or system and the work of constructing, installing, erecting, and laying said underground conduits, mains,

and gaspipes shall be commenced in good faith within not more than four (4) months from the date of the granting of this franchise, and shall be continuously prosecuted thereafter in good faith and without unnecessary intermission or delay; and the said work of construction, erection, and installation as aforesaid shall be completed within not more than three (3) years thereafter; that if said work be not so commenced, prosecuted or completed within the times or in the manner so specified, this franchise shall ipso facto be forfeited to the said City of Sierra Madre.

Sec. 12. That the said grantee or his successors or assigns, shall not sell, transfer, or assign any of the rights or privileges granted by this franchise except by a duly executed instrument in writing, filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre; provided further that nothing in this franchise shall be considered to grant to said grantee of this franchise or his successors or assigns, any right to sell, transfer, or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges granted thereby except in the manner aforesaid.

Sec. 13. That the said grantee of this franchise shall, within five (5) days after this franchise is awarded, file with the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre a bond running to the said City of Sierra Madre with at least two (2) good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the said Board of Trustees, in the penal sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00), conditioned that said grantee, or his successors or assigns, shall well and truly observe, fulfill, and perform each and every condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of such franchise, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond.

Sec. 14. That any neglect, failure or refusal of the grantee or his successors or assigns, to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise, shall, upon such neglect, failure or refusal, ipso facto effect a forfeiture thereof, and the said city, by its Board of Trustees, may thereupon declare the franchise forfeited and may exclude said grantee, his successors or assigns from having the use of the streets, alleys and thoroughfares of the said city under this franchise, and said grantee, his successors or assigns, shall thereupon immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and this franchise shall be and of no effect.

Section 15. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be published once in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose, and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre at a regular meeting of the said Board of Trustees of said City of Sierra Madre held on the 24th day of March, 1910, by an affirmative vote of at least three (3) trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Graham, Hosmer, Pegler and Jones.

Noes: None.

Absent: Trustee Steinberger.

And signed and approved this 24th day of March, 1910.

C. W. JONES,  
President Board of Trustees.  
Attest: J. A. MADDEN, City Clerk.  
[Seal]

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

The following letters are uncalled for at the Sierra Madre postoffice for the current week:

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Rustabaugh D. Curtis.  
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Mrs. Paul G. Tompkins.  
Mrs. Read M. Rogers.

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# Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Execution

CONSTANCE WILTON, Plaintiff  
vs.  
ELLA STACK, Defendant

Sheriff's  
Sale

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Tehama, State of California, wherein Constance Wilton, plaintiff, and Ella Stack, defendant, upon a judgment rendered the 1st day of February, A. D. 1910 for the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-three and 90-100 (\$233.90) Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I have levied upon all the right, title, claim, and interest of said defendant Ella Stack of, in and to the following described real estate, situate in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows:

Lot Twenty (20) of the Replat of the Grand View Tract, Sierra Madre as per map recorded in Book 7 Page 139 of Maps in the County Recorder's Office in Los Angeles County.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I will, on Tuesday the 5th day of April, A. D. 1910, at 12 o'clock M., of that day, in front of the Court House door of the County of Los Angeles, Broadway entrance, sell at public auction, for lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant Ella Stack of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise a sufficient sum to satisfy said Judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder.

Dated this 10th day of March 1910.

W. A. HAMMEL,  
Sheriff of Los Angeles County.

By E. W. BISCAILUZ, Deputy Sheriff.

N. A. GERON, Plaintiff's Attorney.

"Man was made to mourn." "May be so, but you will observe that there are no public weeping stations."—Cleveland Leader.

## UNCLE SAM HELPS OUT SENATOR DEPEW

Uncle Sam lately expressed his belief that magazines and periodicals should pay higher rates of postage, says the California Weekly. From this serious fact let us lightly turn to consideration of Senator Depew, a gentleman who always richly rewards consideration. The honorable gentleman recently made a speech in the senate, or, in any event, the Congressional Record said that he did, in which he painted a rare, sunset-tinted verbal picture of the glorious sun of prosperity which now beams benignantly upon this people. In considering that speech, Mr. Depew concluded that it was a vote-winner, so, as he wishes, quite regardless of his hard-earned reputation, to be returned to the senate, he decided to send copies of that speech out to voters. He did so—150,000 copies, and every one of them franked. Now, speaking of the necessity of increasing the receipts of the postoffice department, let us reason together a bit. If postage at regular rates had been paid on each of these 150,000 copies, it would have amounted to \$1,500 at least, possibly to twice that sum. Of course Senator Depew's frank did the business all right, but why should a department that is in need of funds stand the expense of helping to herd the honorable gentleman's voters into his pen? There are 92 senators, and practically all of them have political aspirations of their own. Suppose that each one of them got as busy as did Mr. Depew, it would cost this government \$138,000 for its gift of postage for them. And this, mark you, at

just one round-up. One shrinks from considering what it might cost in the course of a lively campaign. But it is respectfully suggested that the government must consider this franking privilege, its uses and abuses, before it decides to make it harder for the magazine-publisher to live.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 114 of Ordinances of the City of Sierra Madre, adopted March 17th, 1910, notice is hereby given that a general municipal election has been called to be held and will be held in the City of Sierra Madre, California, on Monday, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1910, for the election of the following officers of the City of Sierra Madre, to-wit:

Three members of the Board of Trustees of said City, to hold office for the full term or period of four (4) years from and after the 18th day of April, A. D. 1910;

A City Clerk;  
A City Treasurer;  
A City Marshal;

That the polling place for the holding of said election has been by said Ordinance fixed at the City Hall of said City of Sierra Madre, and said City Hall is thereby designated as such polling place.

That the election officers for the holding of said election in said City of Sierra Madre, designated and appointed by said Ordinance, are the following qualified electors of said City of Sierra Madre, to-wit:

Judges: M. W. Copps, Rep.; A. L. Caskey, Dem.

Inspectors: L. Dietz, Rep.; S. R. Norris, Dem.

Clerks: J. E. Jones, Rep.; H. W. Jackson, Dem.

Ballot Clerks: G. B. Morgridge, Rep.; J. L. Dunn, Dem.

That the polls for such election shall

be opened at six (6) o'clock in the morning of said April 11th, 1910, and shall remain and be kept open until six (6) o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, when the polls will be closed.

Sierra Madre, Cal., March 24th, 1910.

J. A. MADDEN,  
City Clerk.

## New Lamps for Old

"When all of the jokes are written  
And all of the stories told,  
What shall we do?" sighed Pessimist,  
As tears from his eyelids rolled.

"What shall we do?" grinned Optimist.  
"Just what we've done before.  
We'll change them around a little bit  
And grind them out once more."  
Chicago Daily Socialist.

The Manager—I've got a new idea for a melodrama that ought to make a hit. The Writer—What is it? The Manager—The idea is to introduce a cyclone into the first act that will kill all the actors.—Tit Bits.

## Deserted

The only girl I ever prized  
Deserted me one day.  
She left me for a neighbor  
Who offered her more pay.  
—Life.

"Which is the harder to write, verse or jokes?" "Verse comes easier," replied the press humorist. You have to have an idea for a joke."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"What do you suppose, Algernon," the young thing asked, "is the reason the ocean is salty?" "I am sure I don't know," drawled Algy, "unless it is because there are so many codfish in it."—Success Magazine.

# Depreciation

## An Item of Current Expense Not Well Understood

The constant expense due to REPLACEMENT of parts of an electric plant was not properly understood by managers and operators a generation ago. It is understood by only a small part of the public today. Nevertheless, depreciation is extremely vital in the conduct of utility properties.

There are two general kinds of depreciation in electric plants: (1) The depreciation due to the WEARING OUT of apparatus. (2) Depreciation

caused by the DISCARDING of sound apparatus to make way for new inventions.

Everything used in an electric plant has a certain period of useful life. When this period is exhausted the machine or article is reduced to scrap or junk value. This is ordinary depreciation. The pace of invention in electric equipment has been very rapid and broken all records in mechanical lines. Invention has rendered the most modern equipment old-fashioned and uneconomical in a few years. This process causes depreciation from obsolescence.

People will not invest capital in electrical plants unless they are assured that the property will be maintained so that the money will not be lost. No one would care to place money in a venture yielding a small interest rate annually and have the thing in which the capital was invested utterly destroyed in 15 or 20 years. The capital would be lost and the income would cease.

It is necessary in any manufacturing industry to devise ways for meeting the expense of depreciation in order to keep the property whole. There are two ways of doing this in an electric plant, the average life of which does not exceed 20 years.

(1) Depreciation charges may be considered an operating expense and included in the price for service.

(2) Depreciation charges may be allowed to accumulate and renewals made by raising additional capital.

Public service commissions of Massachusetts, New York and Wisconsin, and the Supreme Court, have decided that the first named method best meets the interests of the public, and that the second method is wrong.

The second method amounts to a career of slow suicide for the plant and a continually increasing scale of prices for the people. Capitalization would be inflated beyond all reason and enormous interest burdens created. All this can be easily prevented by the charging of REASONABLE and constantly diminishing rates NOW and the building up of an ADEQUATE DEPRECIATION FUND to pay—not for extensions and additions—but for RENEWALS.

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## AT THE THEATERS

### Auditorium.

In "The Transformation," a new play by Rupert Hughes, Miss Florence Roberts, who this season is being starred by the Shuberts, plays a dual role. The story, which has been adapted from a foreign source, concerns the love of Count Phillippe de Sevigny for his wife, Colinette Moreau.

Mr. Hughes, who has done admirable work before, has made "The Transformation" a play of endless variety and charm and one abounding with "big moments."

Miss Roberts will be seen at the Auditorium Theatre, Los Angeles, during the weeks of March 28th and April 3rd, with a company which the Shuberts have especially selected for her first starring tour under their management in repertoire.

### Burbank

With enthusiastic audiences packing the theater nightly, Manager Oliver Morosco finds himself compelled to continue "Merely Mary Ann" for a second week at the Burbank theater, beginning with the usual Sunday matinee performance and including a matinee Saturday. Miss Marjorie Rambeau, the Burbank's new leading woman, has made a remarkable hit in the principal role of this play and will, of course, continue in it. Similarly A. Byron Beasley, David Landeau, Harry Mestayer, John W. Burton, Willis Marks, Henry Stockbridge, H. S. Duffield, Louise Royce, Ethel von Waldron, Lovell Alice Taylor and others of the popular Burbank company will repeat next week the characters they have played this. There will be no change whatever in the cast. None is necessary the company as a whole appearing to marked advantage in this most human and most sympathetic of Israel Zangwill's plays.

### Belasco

The first production of a George Broadhurst play is an important event in any city, but in Los Angeles where Mr. Broadhurst is so well known, an occasion of this kind takes on added interest. Therefore, the first performance of his new play, "The Garden of Lies," which occurs Monday night at the Belasco Theatre gives every promise of being the most important event of the theatrical year.

In addition to the first production of this new Broadhurst play, Florence Oakley will make her re-appearance as the leading lady of the Belasco company and will have a capital chance to prove her worth as an actress of unusual talents in the part of Princess Eleanor, the heroine of "The Garden of Lies."

The Broadhurst play, too, will give Lewis S. Stone what his friends and the Belasco management candidly believe will prove to be the best opportunity for really good acting that this popular player has had during his almost four years' local career.

### WHY THEY STAND STILL

A current magazine contains an article with much that should be of interest to some of Sierra Madre's citizens. It deals with a town about the size of Sierra Madre, with perhaps as many "talking points" in the way of natural advantages, but which has practically stood still for twenty years in spite of its wealth, natural and accumulated. It is now without improved streets, sidewalks, street lights, fire protection, public library or reading room or creditable public buildings such as churches or school. The author blames the lack of these things in part to the fact that lack of incorporation has made them impossible. However, he goes on:

"The cause of all these things lies in the almost total lack of civic pride or interest among the citizens. With a

few exceptions no one seems willing to make a move of any sort unless he is to receive the sole benefit. Anything like concerted action in town matters is impossible to obtain.

"A frequently resurrected board of trade has made various attempts to improve the prevailing conditions, but with little success. A slight stimulation of the consumption of oysters and cigars has been the main result achieved. The helpful and progressive spirit that has backed the board is evidenced by the fact that many of the business men consider it shrewd policy to refuse to join or co-operate with the board. If nothing is done, they reason, they are no worse off than they were before. On the other hand if good does result, they receive the benefits without cost to themselves."

Out of respect for some citizens of that town whom we hold in high regard the name of the place is omitted. The composite photograph of the unenterprising citizens is reproduced in the hope that some local people would recognize a family resemblance and wake up.

Mrs. Tellit—Yes, she is a decided blonde. Mrs. Knockit—Indeed! When did she decide?—Milwaukee News.

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### STEINBERGER, NOT HOSMER

For some unexplainable reason or for no reason at all, the editor's typewriter made the News say last week that Trustee Hosmer was one of the retiring trustees who had filed a nominating petition for re-election. Trustee Steinberger should have been named in his stead, as "Uncle" is one of the hold-overs. The situation had previously been correctly reported in the News so no harm was done.

### NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Under the State Law a new registration of voters has to be made every even-numbered year.

All voters must register prior to July 27, 1910, and must have declared the political party with which they intend to affiliate (as provided in Sec. 1366a, Political Code), who desire to vote at the primary election to be held August 16th, 1910.

If you do not, so register and so state your party affiliation you cannot vote at this primary election, at which all State and County officers will be nominated.

Registration Clerk at Sierra Madre, N. H. Hosmer.

C. G. KEYES,  
County Clerk.